(घ) समग्र संक्रमण रोधी उपायों को पर्याप्त रूप से ध्यान में रखा जा रहा है।

Cases pending under Rent Control Act

405. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases under Delhi Rent Control Act pending with each Rent Controller and Rent Control Tribunal in Tis Hazari as on 30th September 1995 for more than three years, five years and eight years and what are the reasons for the delay in the disposal of such cases;

(b) what steps Government have so far taken to expedite disposal of the much delayed pending cases by fixing a time limit; and

(c) what are the reasons for which the Delhi Rent Control Act which was passed by both the Houses of Parliament and assented to by the President on August 23, 1995 has not so far been notified and made effective and by when a notification in this regard is likely to be issued and from which date will it be made effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) As per available information, 17564 Rent cases were pending as on 30.6.95, in the Courts of Rent Controllers/Addl. Rent Controllers of Delhi. Out of these, 6241 cases were 3 to 10 years old and 1378 cases were pending over 10 years. The delay in disposal of these cases is due to several reasons including due to frequent strikes by lawyers in Subordinate Courts.

(b) In order to consider the problem of arrears of cases in Courts and find out ways and means to deal with it as expeditiously as possible, a meeting of the Chief Ministers and Chief Justices of the High Courts was held on 4th December, 1993, under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister. The resolutions adopted in the Conference have been commended to all the State Governments/UT Administrations & High Courts including Delhi High Court for necessary follow-up action. Further, the Registry of Delhi High Court had informed that Courts subordinate to Delhi High Court are making every possible efforts to expedite the disposal of pending cases. The disposal of cases depends upon various factors and as such it is not possible to fix a time limit for their disposal.

(c) After the Bill was accorded Presidential assent, a special mention was raised in the Rajya Sabha on 26.8.95 by Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra and others regarding strike by the traders and shopkeepers in protest against the Delhi Rent Bill, 1995. An all party members committee appointed by the Chief Minister, Government of NCT of Delhi also made suggestion regarding some changes in the Delhi Rent Bill, 1995. The Government assured that action to make suitable amendments, wherever necessary to the Delhi Rent Act, 1995 as it is at present will be taken before the said Act is brought into force. The Government have also committed that every efforts will be made to redress the legitimate grievances of all concerned and it will be ensured that the transition from the existing rent control regime to the new arrangement contained in the Delhi Rent Act 1995 is made with due regard to the interests and convenience of the affected parties, particularly ordinary tenants, for whose protection the Delhi Rent Act, 1995 has been enacted.

राजधानी एक्सप्रेस रेलगाड़ियां चलाया जाना

406. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेवः** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या 1994-95 के दौरान दिल्ली से अन्य शहरों और राज्यों की राजधानियों के लिये प्रस्तावित सभी नई राजधानी एक्सप्रेस रेलगाड़ियां चला दी गई हैं;